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September 22, 2005



Doug Bosco – Chairman of the Board
 California State Coastal Conservancy
 1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
 Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to convey my support for the request from Sonoma Land Trust for \$50,000 to create a comprehensive Invasive Plant Control Program to protect the natural and agricultural resources of Sonoma County.

Sonoma Land Trust owns more than 4,400 acres of natural and agricultural lands as well as holding conservation easements over another 5,800 acres of private land in Sonoma County. These holdings range from recovering forests on the North Coast to historic ranches in Sonoma Valley to tidal wetlands on San Pablo Bay. One of the challenges they meet in taking care of these important properties is the increasing presence and spread of invasive plant species.

As you know, reducing the impacts of invasive species is a priority in California and of national interest. Plants such as yellow star thistle, vinca, ludwigia, scotch broom, arrundo and others are having significant impacts on native plant and animal diversity, fire ecology, agricultural productivity, and local government budgets. The California Department of Food and Agricultural, the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, the California Native Plant Society and many other organizations are working together to address the issue. Sonoma Land Trust's plans will dovetail nicely with these efforts.

The Invasive Plant Control Program proposed by Sonoma Land Trust is a proactive effort to control invasive plants on more than 3,000 acres of sensitive habitat and important agricultural lands. Their work will build on their existing relationships with local groups and will create new relationships with groups like the Marin/Sonoma Weed Management Area. In addition, incorporating their extensive volunteer network into the program will provide important public education and participation opportunities that will enrich the entire community. All told, this program will provide a comprehensive and focused approach to managing these noxious species and reducing the impacts to their land and to their neighbors' land.

Again, I am urging your support of this worthwhile project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

WESLEY CHESBRO
 State Senator, Second District

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September 27, 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco—Chairman of the Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my support for the request from Sonoma Land Trust for \$50,000 to create a comprehensive Invasive Plant Control Program to protect the natural and agricultural resources of Sonoma County.

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I recommend that you move forward with the proposed \$50,000 grant to this timely and worthwhile project. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carole Migden".

CAROLE MIGDEN

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cc: Mr. Bob Neale

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ASSEMBLYMAN, SIXTH DISTRICT
Representing Marin and Sonoma Counties
Director, Office of Policy Planning and Research



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September 30, 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco— Chairman of the Board
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The purpose of this letter is to convey my support for a \$50,000 grant request that has been submitted to you by the Sonoma Land Trust. I urge you to approve the proposed grant so that Sonoma County's natural and agricultural resources can be protected with a comprehensive invasive plant control program.

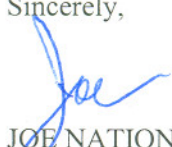
By acquiring and preserving open space, the Sonoma Land Trust has protected thousands of acres of pristine natural and agricultural lands in Sonoma County. As stewards of a wide variety of acreage, they are faced with many challenges. One of the biggest challenges has been the spread invasive plant species.

Reducing the impacts of invasive species in California has been a growing priority of statewide environmental policies. In fact, I was the principle author of legislation that helps prevent marine invasive species from entering our state's coastal waters. Since nonindigenous species have significant impacts on native plants and wildlife, fire ecology, and agricultural productivity, many diversified organizations have been working together to address the issue. Sonoma Land Trust has developed a plan that will dovetail nicely with these efforts.

The invasive plant control program, proposed by the Sonoma Land Trust, is a proactive effort to control invasive plants on more than 3,000 acres of sensitive habitat and important agricultural lands. With the requested monies, they will be able to start a programmatic and comprehensive invasive plant assessment for its properties. Furthermore, the plan calls for developing partnerships with new and existing organizations that can work together in an informed and coordinated approach towards treatment.

For these reasons and more, I encourage you to approve the proposed grant of \$50,000, so that Sonoma Land Trust can become closer to carrying out its mission, which is to "Preserve the Land Forever". Please do not hesitate to contact me, with your questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,


JOE NATION
Assemblyman, Sonoma and Marin Counties

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Cc: Bob Neale, Sonoma Land Trust

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September 26, 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco – Chairman of the Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco, *Doug*

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approach to managing these noxious species and reducing the impacts to their land and to their neighbors' land.

I support this timely and worthwhile project and urge you to approve the proposed \$50,000 grant application from the Sonoma County Land Trust.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



PATTY BERG

Assemblywoman, 1st District

cc: Bob Neale, Stewardship Director, Sonoma County Land Trust

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LISA CORREIA
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/SEALER

MICHAEL SMITH
ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/SEALER

OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

October 7, 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco – Chairman of the Board
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office very much supports Sonoma Land Trust's proposal to the California State Coastal Conservancy for \$50,000 to create a comprehensive Invasive Plant Control Program to protect the natural and agricultural resources of Sonoma County.

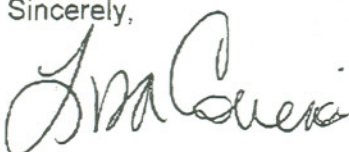
Sonoma Land Trust owns more than 4,400 acres of natural and agricultural lands as well as holding conservation easements over another 5,800 acres of private land in Sonoma County. Much of this property is in active agricultural production and protected from future development. The land trust and our office have worked collaboratively for several years to address invasive plant issues on land trust property. As financial resources have become more scarce, this and similar partnerships have become more essential than ever.

As you know, reducing the impacts of invasive species is a priority in California and of national interest. Plants such as yellow star thistle and purple star thistle have significant impacts on our County's agricultural production. They also have a huge negative impact on the budget of local agencies that are trying to keep local agriculture and our local economy healthy. Preventing the spread of invasive species, especially before they have become completely out of control, is imperative.

The Invasive Plant Control Program proposed by Sonoma Land Trust is a proactive effort to control invasive plants on more than 3,000 acres of sensitive habitat and important agricultural lands. Working with my agency and important partners such as the Marin/Sonoma Weed Management Area, they will be able to target high priority species on their property in an efficient manner and help to limit their spread.

I recommend that you move forward with the proposed \$50,000 grant to this timely and worthwhile project. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Lisa Correia
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer